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President Lisa Borders and Members of Atlanta City Council City Hall, Suite 2900 South 68 Mitchell St., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**RE: Atlanta Commission on Women Appointment** 

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Cynthia Burnside to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Ms. Burnside will serve the Atlanta Commission on Women with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Muley Franklin



# CYNTHIA G. BURNSIDE

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#### WORK HISTORY

### Associate, Ashe, Rafuse & Hill, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

May 2003 to present

- Work in all phases of discovery on cases involving employment matters, including alleged violations of Title II, Title VII, Sections 1981 and 1983, Fair Labor Standards Act, and Equal Pay Act.
- Work in all phases of discovery on cases involving commercial litigation disputes.
- Experience in taking and defending depositions of Plaintiffs, 30(b)(6) witnesses and third-party witnesses.

# Associate, Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

April 2001 to April 2003

- Work in all phases of discovery on cases involving a variety of subject matters including breach of fiduciary duty of officers and directors of corporations, securities fraud, theft of trade secrets, trademark infringement, race discrimination in pricing practices, breach of contract and fraud.
- Experience in preparation for and taking of depositions of plaintiffs and witnesses.
- Experience in selection of experts and assisting expert in preparation of work product to be used in litigation.

# Associate, Balch & Bingham, LLC, Birmingham, Alabama

September 1995 to March 2001

- Tried cases in state and federal court.
- Taken and defended more than 100 depositions in a wide variety of cases.
- Drafted briefs on appeal to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Alabama Supreme Court and Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.
- Drafted briefs and argued motions for summary judgment in both state and federal courts in commercial and employment contexts.

#### **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Tulane University School of Law
May 1995
Moot Court Board; Jessup International Law Appellate Team; Semifinalist in Jessup International Law
Appellate Competition, San Diego, California, 1995; Finalist in Tulane University Law School Junior
Trial Competition.

• *Master of Business Administration*, Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business (Joint Degree Program).

May 1995

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Smith College.

May 1991

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Member: American Bar Association; Georgia Bar Association; Alabama Bar Association; Atlanta Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, Georgia Association of Women Lawyers.
- Board Member Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation; Member Smith College Club of Atlanta.
- Elected to the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association for 2001.